

"Mother, God will put our boys' dormitory back. He will do it. He will do it. I know He will." The speaker was a little four-year-old boy who with his mother watched from their bed-room window the flames reduce the Nacoochee Institute boys' dormitory to a heap of ashes. This was about his bedtime. The next morning his first remark was: "Father, please do not raise the window shade this morning." "Why, little son?" "Because it makes me cry to see the boys' dormitory burnt down. I do not mind to see trash burn up, but to see the boys' dormitory burnt up would make me cry."

If you feel led to help justify the faith of this little fellow, please send a contribution to the Superintendent.

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Sautee, Ga.

"SPEAK TO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL THAT THEY GO FORWARD."

By Rev. Egbert W. Smith, D. D.

At yesterday's meeting of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions there was presented, and, after full discussion, adopted, with enthusiastic unanimity, the following resolution:

"That this committee recommend to the Assembly's Benevolence and Stewardship Committee that it lay before the next General Assembly a carefully worked out plan for just such a great drive with a great objective as has recently been made with such conspicuous and invariable success by the Northern Methodists, the Southern Methodists, the Southern Baptists and other leading denominations."

It is clear today, even to the way-faring man, that the churches, under providential guidance, have found the most amazingly successful way of raising the needed funds for the Saviour's work and at the same time permeating their whole constituency with a fresh spiritual zeal that has ever been known in the history of the Church.

The Baptists have just gone over the top with \$82,000,000 already pledged and the total rising with each hour. I was at a Kentucky town last Sunday morning where the Baptist congregation, which had been accustomed to give about \$10,000 in five years for benevolences, accepted their apportionment of \$40,000, and have actually gone over \$50,000. I asked our Presbyterian pastor there,

who knows the people, whether the subscriptions would be paid. He felt sure they would.

What Dr. Pinson, the Southern Methodist Secretary, has told me of the ease with which the Southern Methodists reached their fifty-three odd millions, and the astonishing spiritual revival accompanying and following the effort throughout the whole Church, sounds like the day of Pentecost come again.

The success of these efforts seems mainly due to the appointment of so great an objective as forces believers back on their supernatural resources, and of a definite seven-or-eight-day period on which are focused the combined efforts and prayers of the entire Church. It is profoundly significant that every denomination that has tried this method has been blessed of God with an astounding success, as if to rebuke the smallness of their former aims. It is an evidence of what we have often read, that it is easier to do a gigantic thing than a little one.

The three other leading denominations of the South have shown us the way. God's blessing upon their efforts has been unprecedented. Shall not our Church follow in the footsteps of their faith, and claim and obtain from God the greatest blessing we have ever known? We are at the parting of the ways. Unless we decide quickly that we shall seek a similar blessing for ourselves, the time for it may soon go by.

The Southern Baptist leaders met this last summer in Nashville and appointed the first week in December as the time for their great drive, thus compressing their preparations into a few months. We could not undertake anything commensurate with what the other churches have aimed at without the approval of our General Assembly. If our Systematic Benevolence and Stewardship Committee would confer with the leaders of the Southern Baptists and the Southern Methodists, and with all the light that their successful experience can furnish, would work out a complete plan for submission to the next General Assembly, I am sure it will develop in the Assembly such a spirit of prayer and enthusiasm as was never before manifested in that body.

Nashville, Tenn.

N. C. EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN.

By Miss Mamie Bays.

The million dollar campaign for schools of the Synod of North Carolina is making satisfactory progress, and Rev. M. E. Melvin, D. D., field secretary of the Assembly's Department of Christian Education, reports this week that \$605,000 has been pledged toward the \$1,000,000 fund. The campaign will close March 1st, and it is confidently believed that Presbyterians in North Carolina, who are deeply interested in the cause of Christian education, and especially in the representatives of this cause as found in the schools of this Synod, will rally to this campaign until its goal will be passed with a good margin before its closing day has come.

As evidence of the distinct interest in this campaign, in Christian education and in Davidson College, within the past ten days two chairs have been permanently endowed at Davidson, and Mr. C. E. Graham, of Greenville, S. C., has offered to contribute \$60,000 to endow another chair, if Presbyterians in North Carolina pledge \$1,000,000 by the time the present campaign closes. The chair Mr. Graham desires to endow will be the chair of education, especially for the training

of superintendents and principals of schools.

The first Presbyterian church at Gastonia, after a campaign of only five days in that town, conducted by the Assembly's team of the Christian education, has pledged \$50,000 to permanently endow the "Woodrow Wilson chair of economics and political science."

The endowment of the other chair at Davidson was announced during the exercises conducted at the college on "Davidson Day."

"Davidson Day," as a special feature of the Million Dollar Campaign for Presbyterian Schools in the Synod of North Carolina was observed at Davidson in a most interesting and enthusiastic manner. The outstanding and most important feature of the day was the announcement of Rev. W. H. Hunter, a member of the General Assembly's team of Christian Education, that the sons and daughters of J. W. Cannon, of Concord, had contributed \$50,000 to the million dollar campaign fund to endow permanently a chair of English Bible. Mr. Hunter to be known as the "J. W. Cannon chair of English Bible." Mr. Hunter announced further that the total amount contributed to the campaign fund in Concord was \$65,000.

Another announcement of special interest in this connection was that of R. M. Miller, Jr., of Charlotte, an alumnus of Davidson College, who stated that he would be one of ten or twenty men to contribute \$50,000 to endow an alumni chair at the college.

Following this was another announcement, which was made by James W. Pharr, also of Charlotte, that he would contribute \$5,000 to the endowment of the alumni chair.

Rev. M. E. Melvin, D. D., field secretary of the department of Christian education of the Southern Presbyterian Church and manager of the campaign now in progress in the Synod, spoke of the splendid spirit of co-operation he had found in this campaign and of the favorable attitude throughout the Synod toward Davidson College, and said that he hoped the campaign would go far enough beyond the million dollar goal to give this college \$500,000.

Rev. C. M. Richards, D. D., of Davidson, spoke for the trustees, especially the fifty trustees in the Synod of North Carolina, and gave assurance that they would take care of the part of the fund coming to Davidson. The trustees, he said, believe the students here to be the best to be found on the globe, as is evidenced by the fact that 90 per cent. of them enter active Christian work.

Speaking especially of "a bigger and a better Davidson," Dr. W. J. Martin, president of the college, called especial attention to the immediate needs of the college, including remodeling of the Chambers dormitory, the erection of a new dormitory, a new power house, more class rooms, a better equipped laboratory, a laundry, a larger faculty and a special endowment fund to help worthy students secure an education here who are not financially able to come without aid. Dr. Martin estimated that these needs of the college would require the outlay of \$1,750,000, and he expressed the confidence that all of these needs of the college would be met out of the campaign now in progress.

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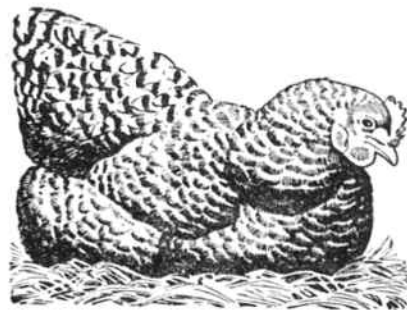
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